



**MINUTES OF THE
MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
October 5, 2016**

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Maryland Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, October 5, 2016, at 10:30 a.m., in the Board Room of the Maryland Department of Transportation.

II. Roll Call

The following individuals were present:

James A. Calderwood, Chair
Camillo Di Camillo, Member
Debra Farrar-Dyke, Member
Jennifer Hill-Leineweber, Member
Elmer E. Horsey, Member
David Lashar, Member
George Littrell, Member
Michael Moore, Member
Carol Petzold, Member
Catherine Riley, Member
Gary Simpson, Member
Makeda Scott, Member
Mario VillaSanta, Member
Curtis Johnson, Policy Analyst, MDOT Office of Planning and Programming
MDOT Staff Corey Stottlemeyer
MDOT Staff Tina Quinichette

Chairman James A. Calderwood called the meeting to order at 10:32 AM. The minutes from the September meeting were approved.

The Chairman discussed his recent meeting with Assistant Secretary Charles Glass regarding direction and potential projects for the Commission. He asked Commissioner Lasher to come prepared to present next meeting on a policy issue and encouraged other members to discuss issues important to them at future meetings.

Mr. Stottlemeyer informed members of the upcoming tour of the Port of Baltimore, scheduled for November 17th.

III. Update on Federal Discretionary Grant Opportunities

Mr. Calderwood called on Mr. Johnson to speak about MDOT's Federal Discretionary Grant procedures and outcomes. Mr. Johnson briefed the members on the two unsuccessful FASTLANE grant applications. He and other MDOT staff recently met with representatives from the US Department of

Transportation to discuss ways to improve the applications for future submission. The first opportunity discussed was the Howard Street Tunnel upgrades. MDOT was strongly encouraged to resubmit this application. The other application was for the upgrades at Port Covington. There were concerns on the part of USDOT regarding the Benefit Cost Analysis, as well as the lack of secured funding from the City of Baltimore's tax incremental financing. Mr. Johnson also discussed plans for a third application to expedite improvements to the Interstate 81 Corridor. He mentioned that MDOT is working to have projects ready on the shelf so to compete for discretionary grants. He suggested that the Commission may wish to consider sending a letter of support once future funding opportunities are announced.

Mr. Johnson also announced that he was leaving MDOT as his wife will be on assignment with the Foreign Service in Vietnam. Members wished him well and thanked him for his service.

IV. Dedication Policy

Mr. Stottlemeyer presented revisions to the MDOT Policy on dedicating transportation facilities. Members discussed adding additional language to ensure that appropriate state and local elected officials would be notified of a pending application by staff. Commissioner VillaSanta made the motion to recommend the document as amending. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hill-Leineweber. The motion was approved.

V. Adjournment

The Commission adjourned at 11:35AM until the next meeting on November 2, 2016 at MDOT HQ.

IV. Dedication Process

The commission asked Mr. Calderwood if it could be discussed how the MTC might contribute in ways other than dedications? The commissions felt they could better fulfill their mission per the Transportation Article which states "to provide advice and recommendations to the MDOT Secretary on all matters concerning transportation policy formation and program execution"?

V. Other Business

The commission also voted and agreed that a list should be compiled of the members and their individual's subject areas of professional expertise. The Chairman will submit this list to Assistant Secretary Glass for distribution to key personnel.

VI. Adjournment

The Commission adjourned at 11:45AM until the next meeting on December 7, 2016 at MDOT HQ.